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OGC Subj: INVESTIGATIONS -
Letelier, Orlando (CF)

A. [REDACTED] STATED THAT DINA WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE
LETELIER ASSASSINATION AS WELL AS THE GENERAL CARLOS PRATS
GONZALEZ ASSASSINATION IN BUENOS AIRES AND THE ATTEMPTED
ASSASSINATION OF BERNARDO L E I G H T O N IN ITALY. [REDACTED]
DID NOT SAY WHO COMMITTED THE CRIMES NOR DID HE GIVE DETAILS
OF THE MODUS OPERANDI. [REDACTED] DID SAY THAT HE HAD BEEN
DISPATCHED OUTSIDE THE COUNTRY THE UNITED STATES, EUROPE AND
OTHER COUNTRIES IN SOUTH AMERICA ON "DINA BUSINESS". HE DID NOT
STATE THE NATURE OF THAT BUSINESS BUT DID SAY THAT HE HAD
PERSONALLY TAKEN PART IN 72 OPERATIONS ON BEHALF OF DINA AND
IMPLIED THAT ALL HAD INVOLVED VIOLENT CONFRONTATION. [REDACTED]
DID SPECIFICALLY STATE THAT HE HAD NOT REPEAR NOT BEEN INVOLVED
IN THE LETELIER CASE.

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2.

[REDACTED] WAS TOLD [REDACTED] THAT US CITIZEN MICHAEL TOWNLEY WAS IN NO WAY INVOLVED IN LETELIER ASSASSINATION. TOWNLEY HAD IN FACT BEEN INVITED BY COL. CONTRERAS SOME YEARS BEFORE TO JOIN DINA'S CIVILIAN INTELLIGENCE SERVICE (SIC) BUT TOWNLEY REFUSED THE INVITATION. [REDACTED] THAT DINA USED TOWNLEY'S ID PHOTO ONLY AND THAT TWO ARMY OFFICERS HAD BEEN DISPATCHED TO ARRANGE THE LETELIER KILLING. [REDACTED] WAS CONVINCED THAT CAPTAIN ARMANDO FERNANDEZ LARIOS WAS ONE OF THE PERSONS INVOLVED BUT DID NOT KNOW THE IDENTITY OF THE SECOND OFFICER. [REDACTED] CAPT. FERNANDEZ WAS BEING HIDDEN IN A REFUGIO BELONGING TO THE ARMY AT GUAYACAN NEAR SAN JOSE DEL MAIPO. //

3.

[REDACTED] EMPHASIZED THAT IT OF GRAVE IMPORTANCE THAT LETELIER CASE BE RESOLVED AND FULL DETAILS REVEALED TO US GOVT. NO MATTER WHAT THE CONSEQUENCES. [REDACTED]

4. REQUEST HQS TRACES ON [REDACTED]

5. PLS DISSEM FOREGOING AND ADVISE.

6. [REDACTED]

END OF MESSAGE

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